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1. An increased and modernization of the air raid warning system has been observed in the Sovzone since the beginning of 1953. At the beginning of the year there were only three big stations. Six more were added by October 1953, mainly radar stations. Those now in operation are: on the north coast of Rügen, Putnitz Airfield; Hagenow, southwest of Schwerin, Gardelogen, Quedlingburg, Grosz-Berndten (south of Nordhausen), Sotna, Plauen, Merseburg Airfield. There is another big station under construction at Finow Airfield.
2. The main purpose of the stations is long-range early radar warning. They also have short-range radar units, believed to be intended to vector in Soviet fighters on attacking aircraft. Such short-range radar has been observed at all fields where fighters are stationed.
3. The command posts at the Putnitz and Merseburg Fields seem to have special significance in connection with air defense.

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